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**UKUR**  
THE BEAST LORD!

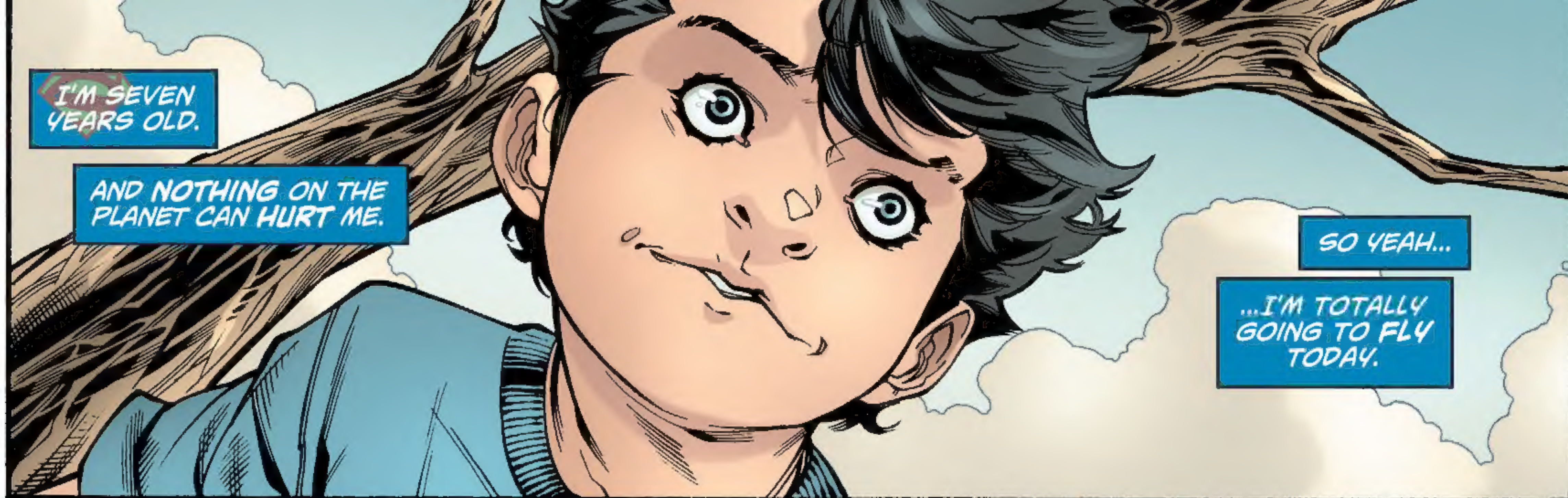
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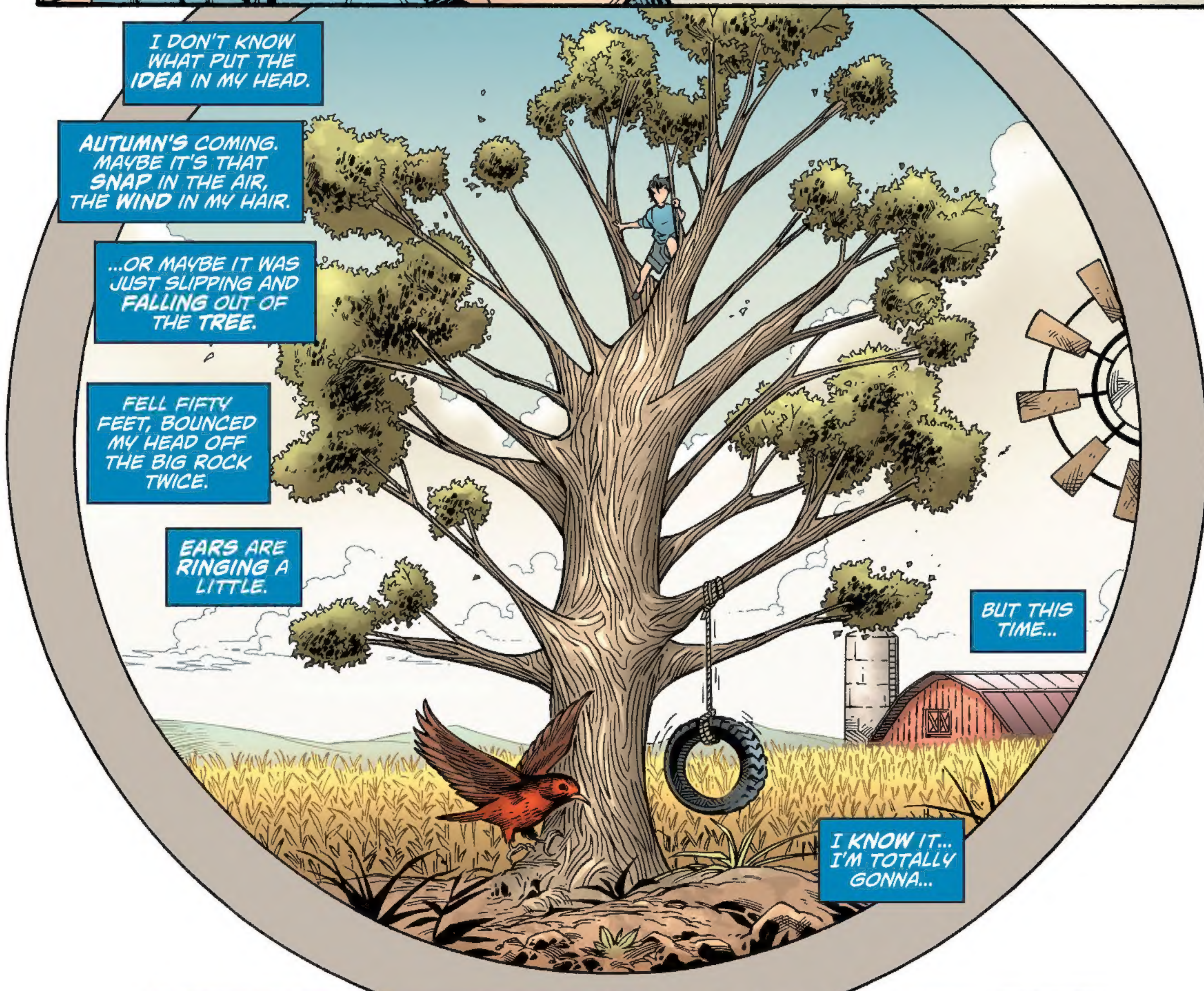


I'M SEVEN  
YEARS OLD.

AND NOTHING ON THE  
PLANET CAN HURT ME.

SO YEAH...

...I'M TOTALLY  
GOING TO FLY  
TODAY.



I DON'T KNOW  
WHAT PUT THE  
IDEA IN MY HEAD.

AUTUMN'S COMING.  
MAYBE IT'S THAT  
SNAP IN THE AIR,  
THE WIND IN MY HAIR.

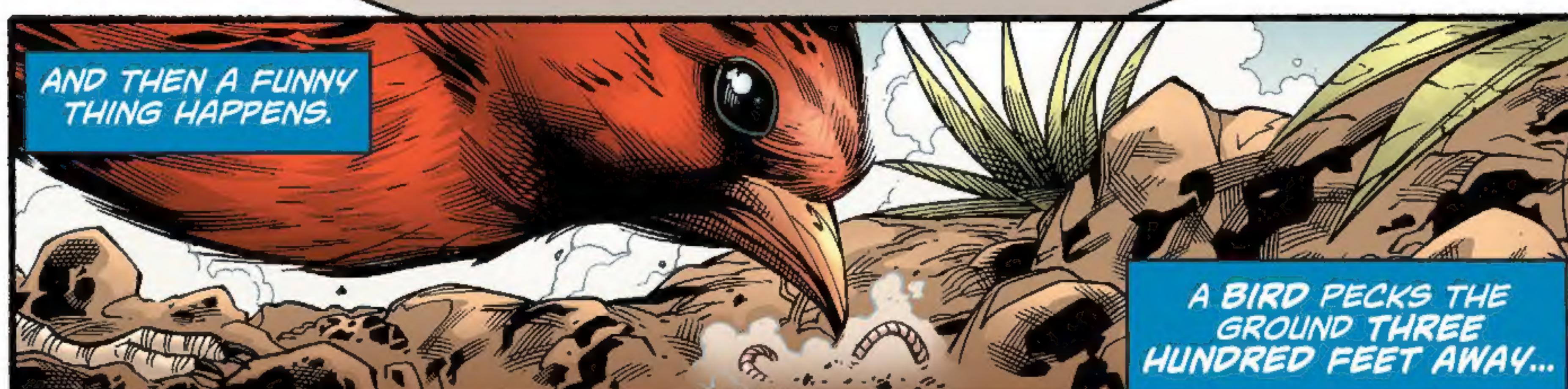
...OR MAYBE IT WAS  
JUST SLIPPING AND  
FALLING OUT OF  
THE TREE.

FELL FIFTY  
FEET, BOUNCED  
MY HEAD OFF  
THE BIG ROCK  
TWICE.

EARS ARE  
RINGING A  
LITTLE.

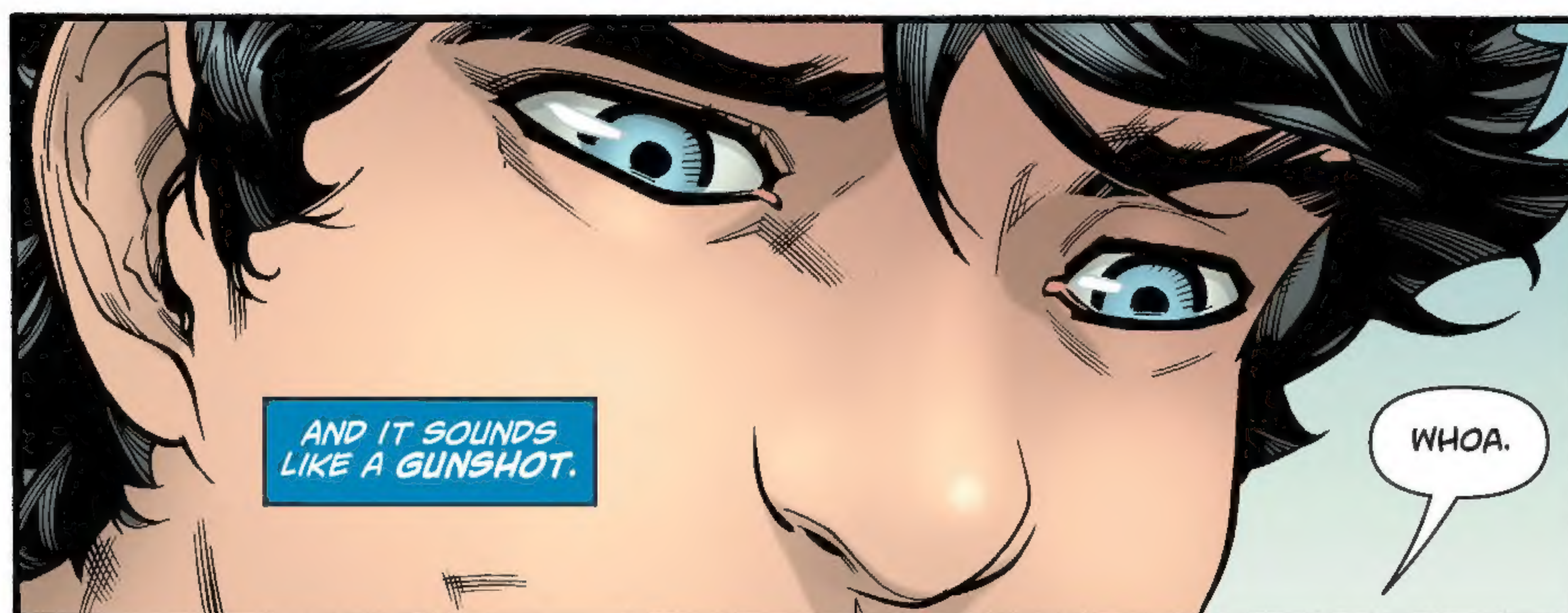
BUT THIS  
TIME...

I KNOW IT...  
I'M TOTALLY  
GONNA...



AND THEN A FUNNY  
THING HAPPENS.

A BIRD PECKS THE  
GROUND THREE  
HUNDRED FEET AWAY...



AND IT SOUNDS  
LIKE A GUNSHOT.

WHOA.

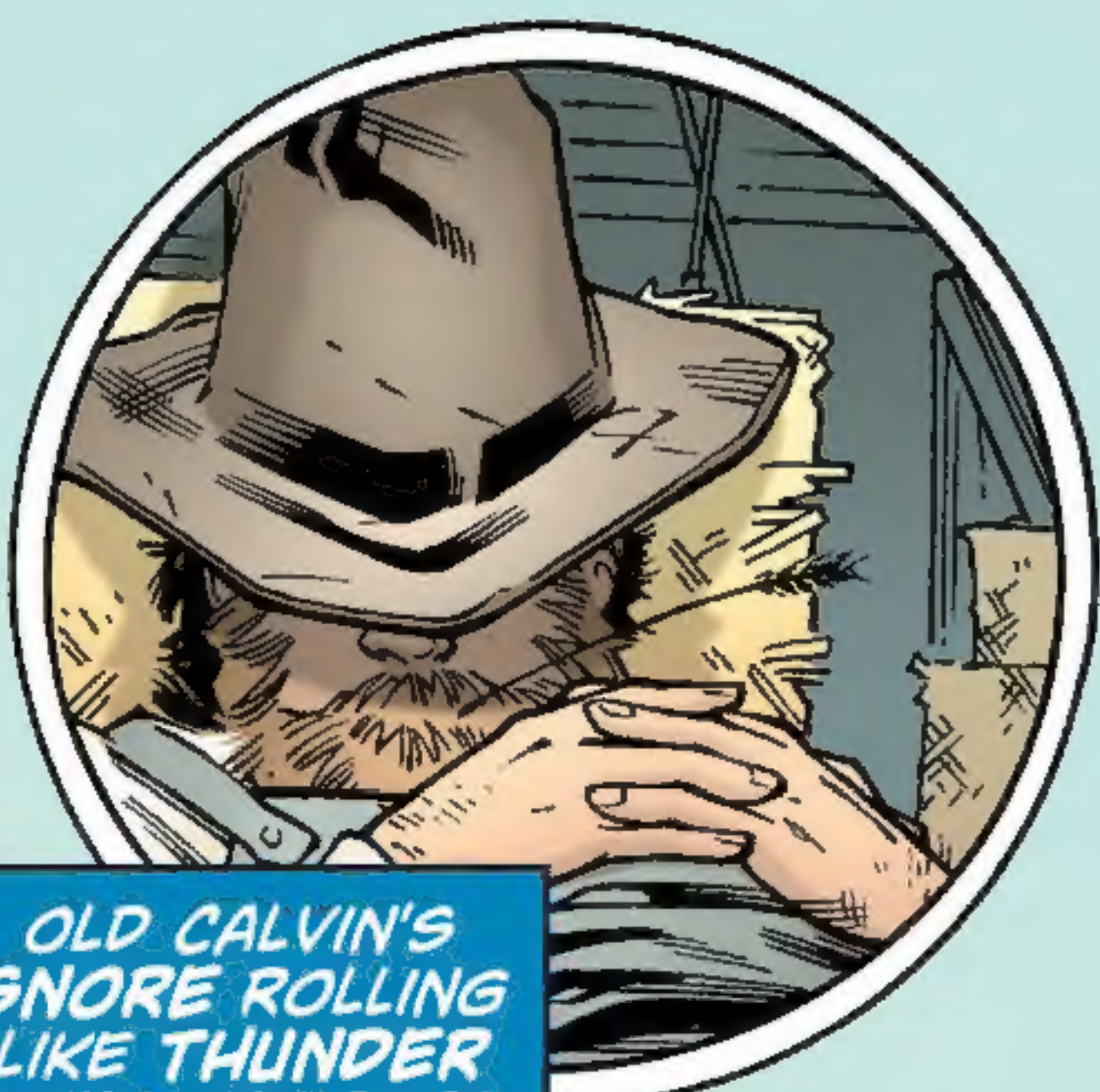


AND THEN I HEAR EVERYTHING.

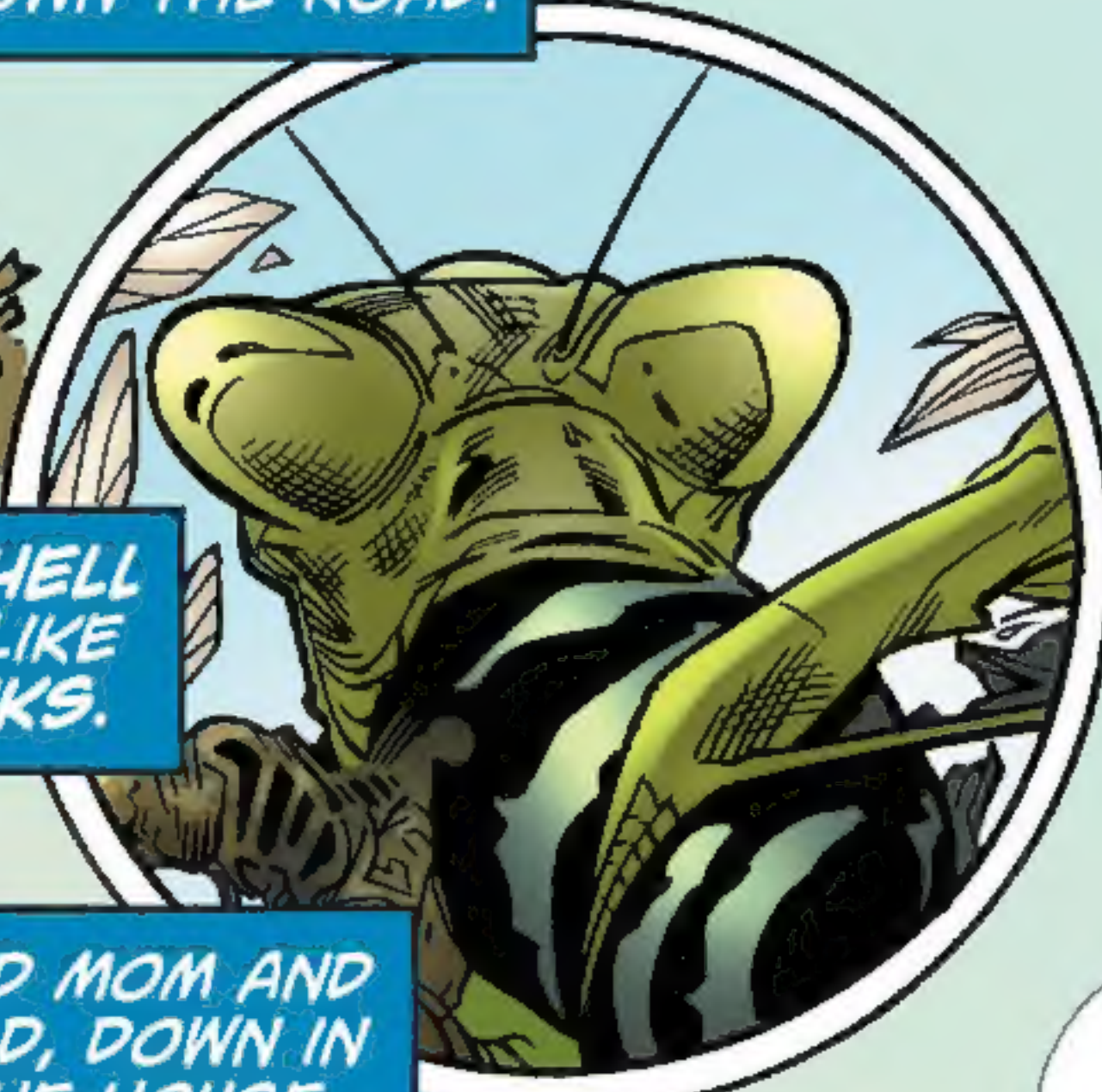
THE WHIP CRACK OF STREAKY'S EAR TWITCH.



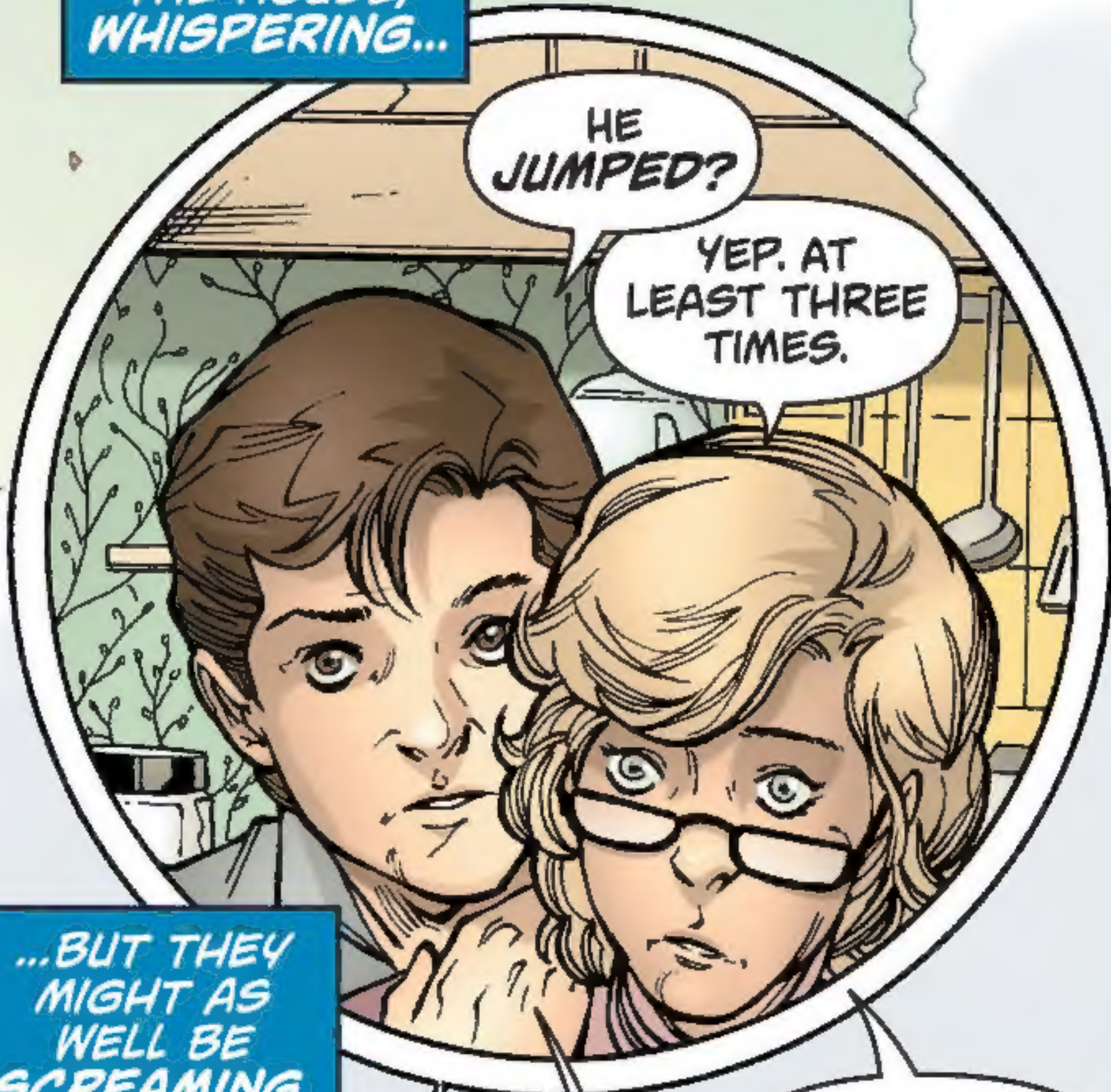
OLD CALVIN'S SNORE ROLLING LIKE THUNDER DOWN THE ROAD.



A BUG'S SHELL POPPING LIKE FIREWORKS.



AND MOM AND DAD, DOWN IN THE HOUSE, WHISPERING...



HE JUMPED?

YEP. AT LEAST THREE TIMES.

...BUT THEY MIGHT AS WELL BE SCREAMING.

SLAMMED INTO THE GROUND, HOPPED RIGHT BACK UP, LAUGHING.

MY GOD. AND YOU DIDN'T TELL HIM TO STOP?

WHY SHOULD I?

HE'S NOT HUMAN, JONATHAN. MAYBE WE SHOULD STOP PRETENDING--

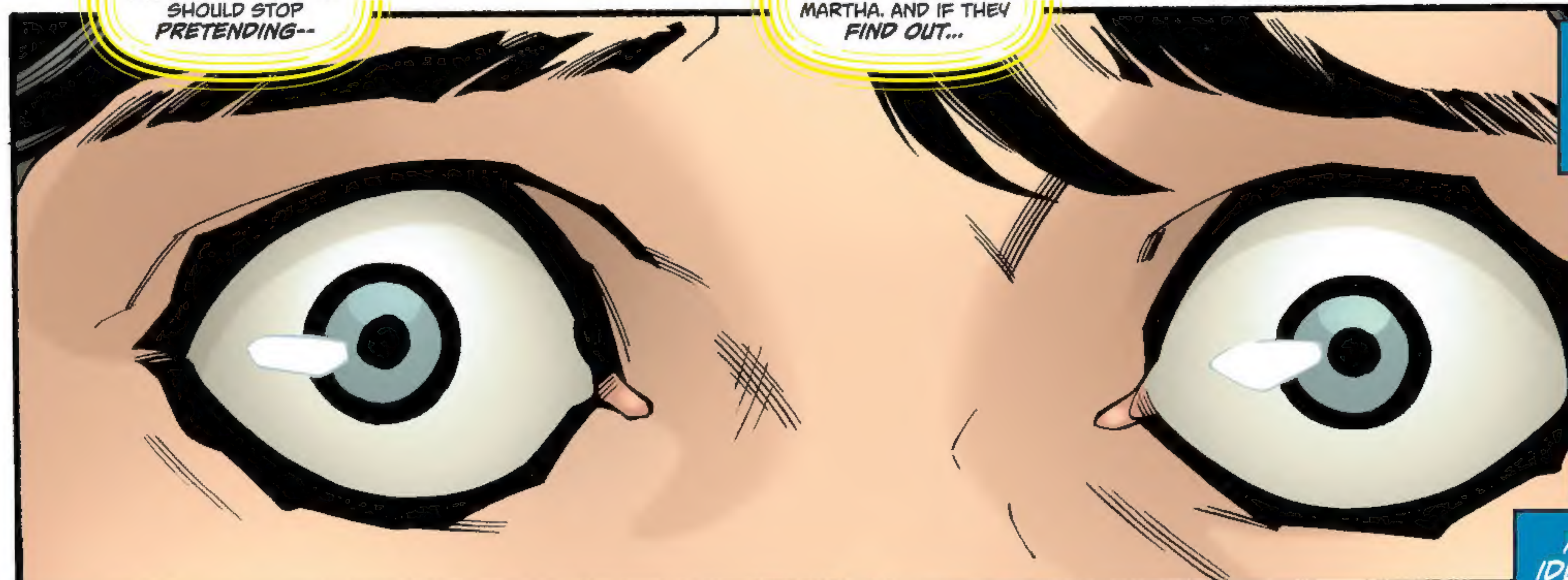
PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THAT YET, MARTHA. AND IF THEY FIND OUT...

NOW ALL I CAN HEAR IS MY OWN HEART POUNDING.

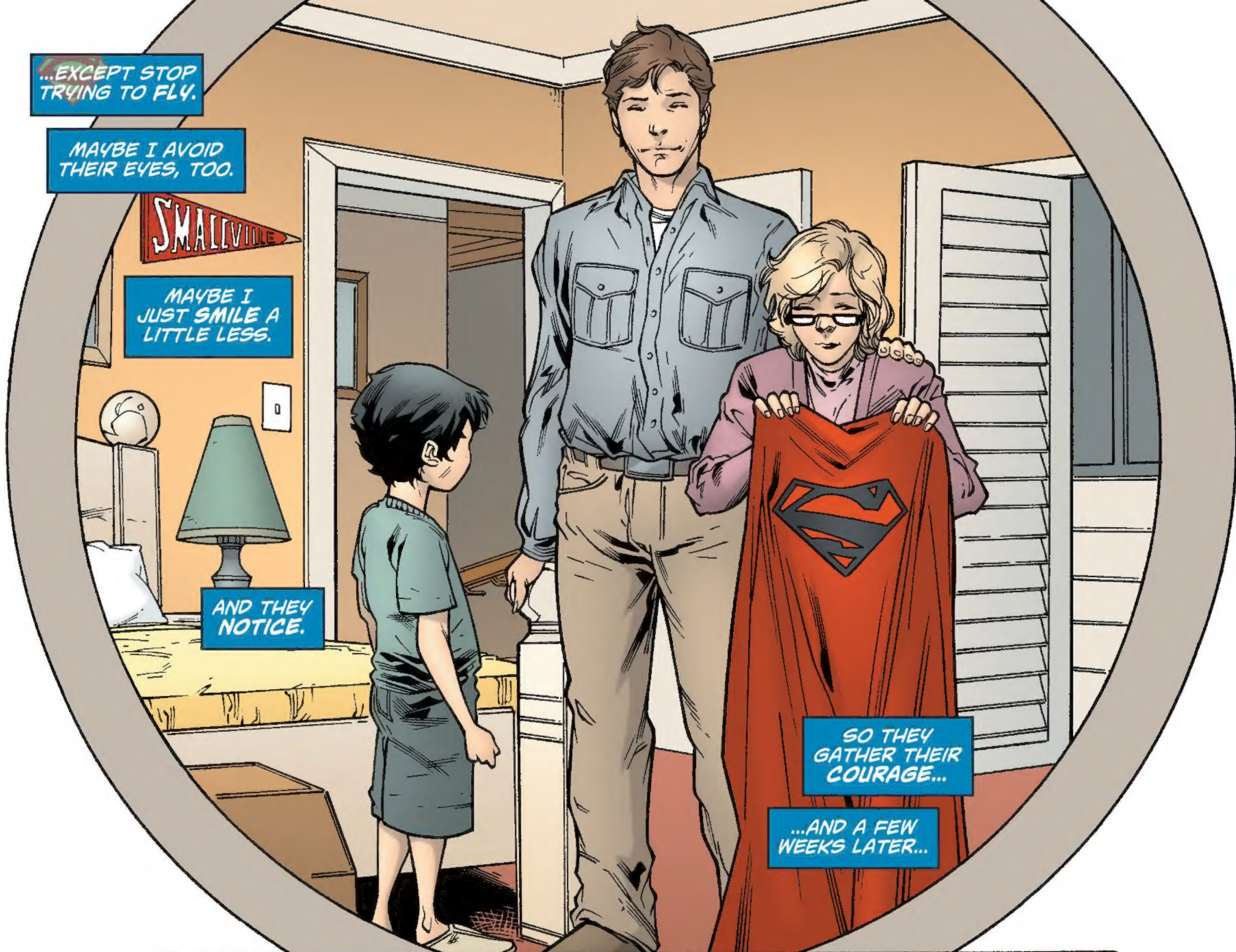
"NOT HUMAN"?

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN IT ALREADY. I PROBABLY DID. BUT I NEVER HEARD IT OUT LOUD.

AND I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TO DO...







...EXCEPT STOP TRYING TO FLY.

MAYBE I AVOID THEIR EYES, TOO.

MAYBE I JUST SMILE A LITTLE LESS.

AND THEY NOTICE.

SO THEY GATHER THEIR COURAGE...

...AND A FEW WEEKS LATER...



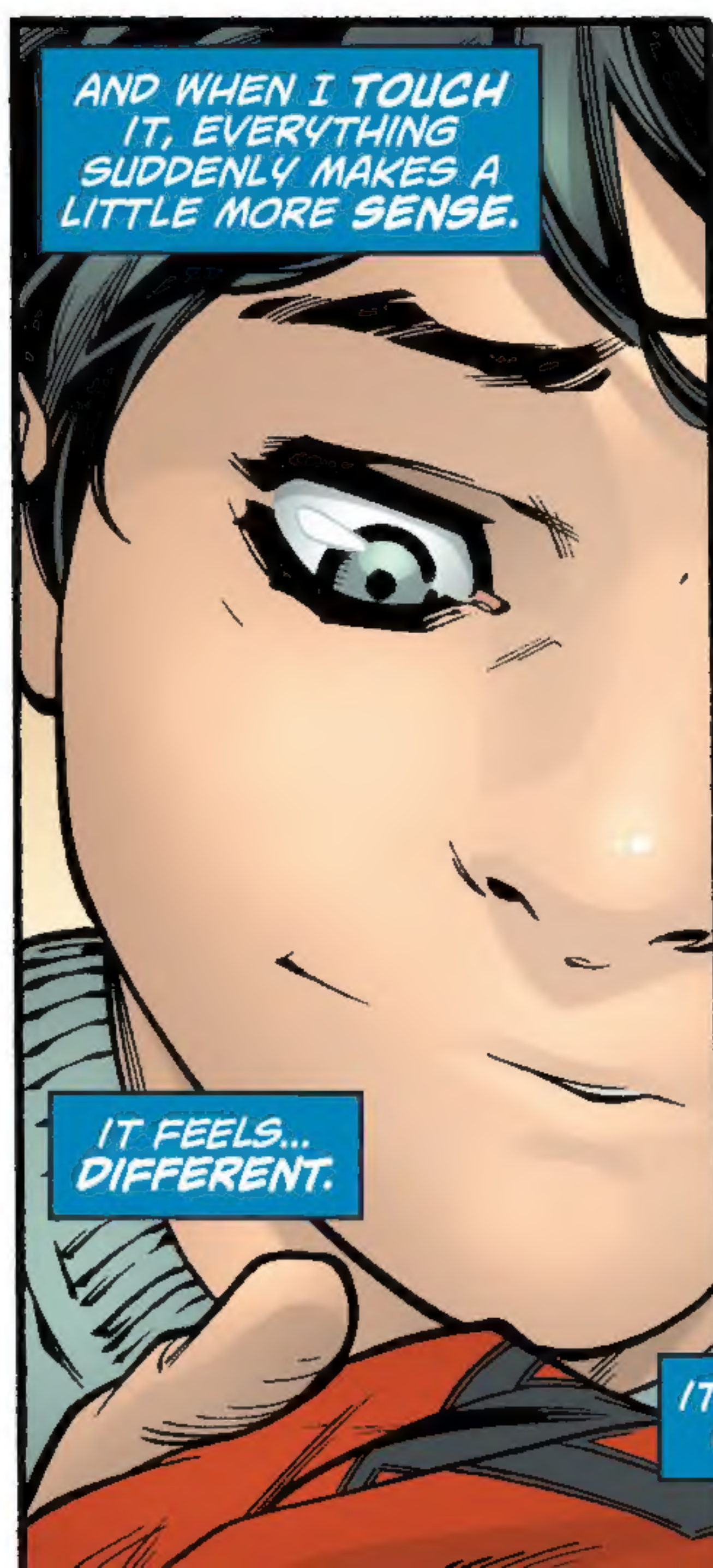
BABY IN A ROCKETSHIP?

CRASHING IN A CORNFIELD?

WRAPPED IN A BLANKET?

I...I DON'T WANT IT.

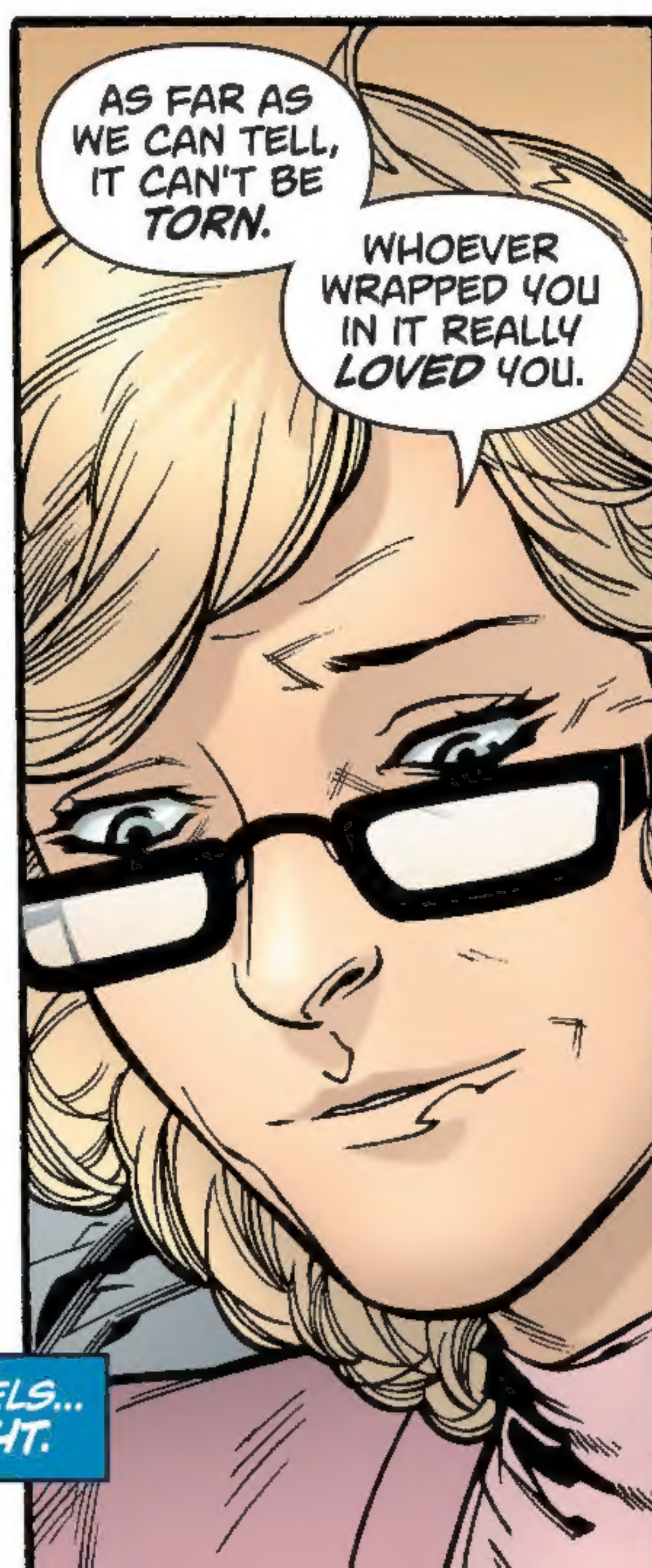
BUT MY HANDS ARE ALREADY REACHING FOR IT.



AND WHEN I TOUCH IT, EVERYTHING SUDDENLY MAKES A LITTLE MORE SENSE.

IT FEELS... DIFFERENT.

IT FEELS... RIGHT.



AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL, IT CAN'T BE TORN.

WHOEVER WRAPPED YOU IN IT REALLY LOVED YOU.



LOVE?

YEAH.

FROM THE PARENTS WHO WRAPPED ME IN THE BLANKET...

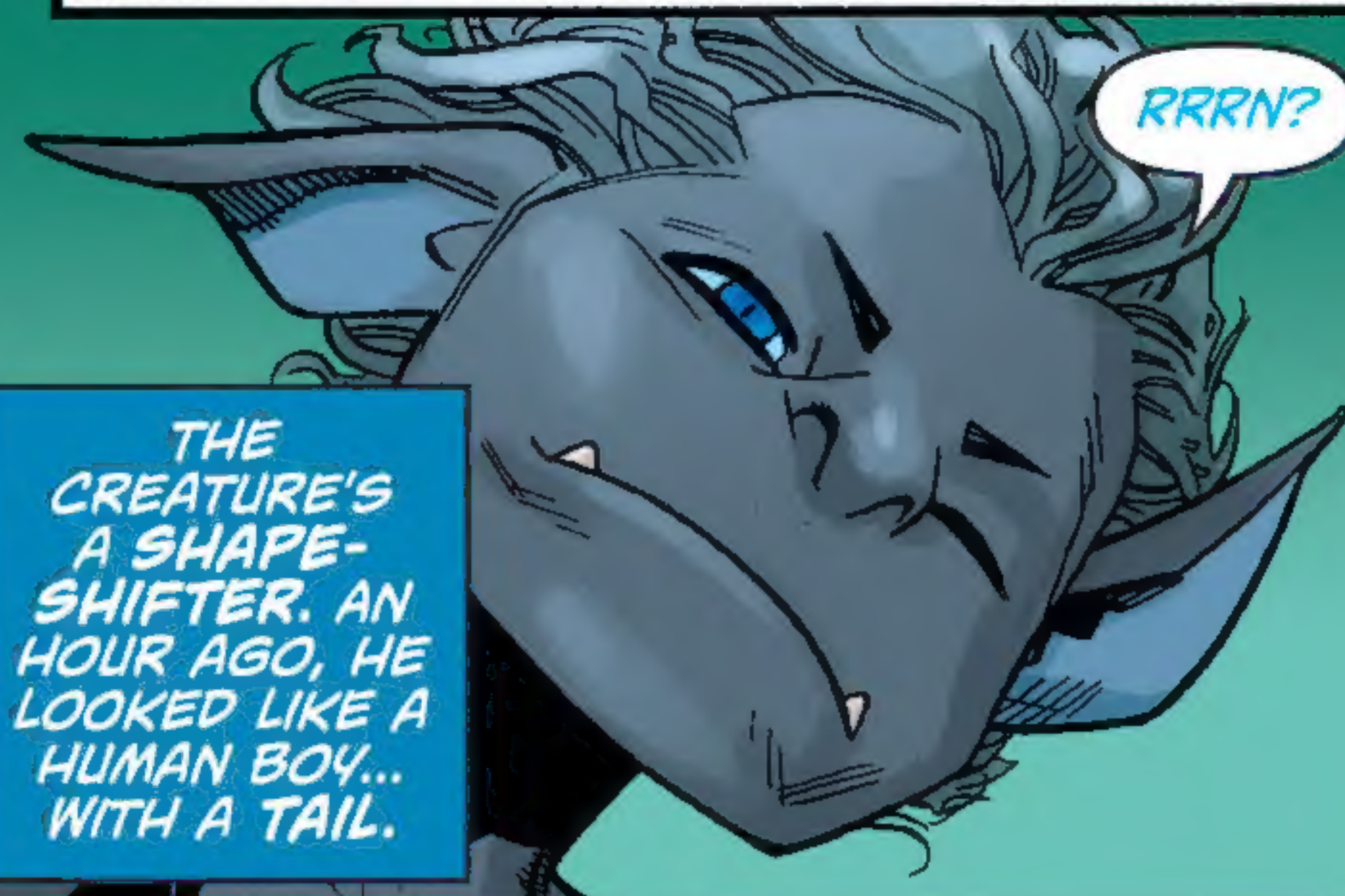
...AND THE PARENTS WHO SAVED IT FOR ME.



THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE.

SO HERE WE ARE, ALL THESE YEARS LATER...

...AND I GUESS THIS STILL SEEMS LIKE A PRETTY GOOD USE FOR THE CAPE.



THE CREATURE'S A SHAPE-SHIFTER. AN HOUR AGO, HE LOOKED LIKE A HUMAN BOY... WITH A TAIL.

RRRN?

RRRAAAAGH!

TWO HOURS BEFORE THAT, HE WAS A HUNDRED-FOOT-LONG ELECTRIC DRAGON.

HE CLAWED HIS WAY OUT OF THE GROUND IN VENEZUELA.

DESTROYED A DRILLING RIG, NEARLY KILLED A FEW DOZEN WORKERS.

I HAD TO PRETEND TO THROW HIM INTO THE SUN TO GET HIM OUT OF THERE ALIVE.

AND NOW MY HEART'S IN MY THROAT AS HE STARES AT ME.

HERE'S WHERE I'M SUPPOSED TO SAY SOMETHING... WHERE I'M SUPPOSED TO MAKE IT ALL MAKE SENSE...

HEY.

RRR?

WELL. HE PROBABLY DOESN'T SPEAK ENGLISH, ANYWAY.





I KNOW.  
DON'T WORRY,  
I PROMISE...

...I'LL GET  
YOU OUT OF  
THERE AS SOON  
AS I CAN.

BAAKAAA!

TAP  
TAP



BUT YOU TOOK SOME  
PRETTY GOOD *BITES*  
OUT OF ME WHEN  
YOU WERE *BIG*.

I JUST NEED TO FIGURE OUT  
WHAT TRIGGERS YOUR  
TRANSFORMATIONS--

--AND FIND  
OUT WHERE YOU  
COME FROM IN  
THE FIRST  
PLACE.



BAKA!

SKRRRAAAAKK

"BAKA,"  
HUH? IS  
THAT YOUR  
NAME?



YEAH, SORRY.  
THAT'S PROBABLY  
NOT GOING TO  
WORK. THIS THING  
WAS BUILT TO  
HOLD--

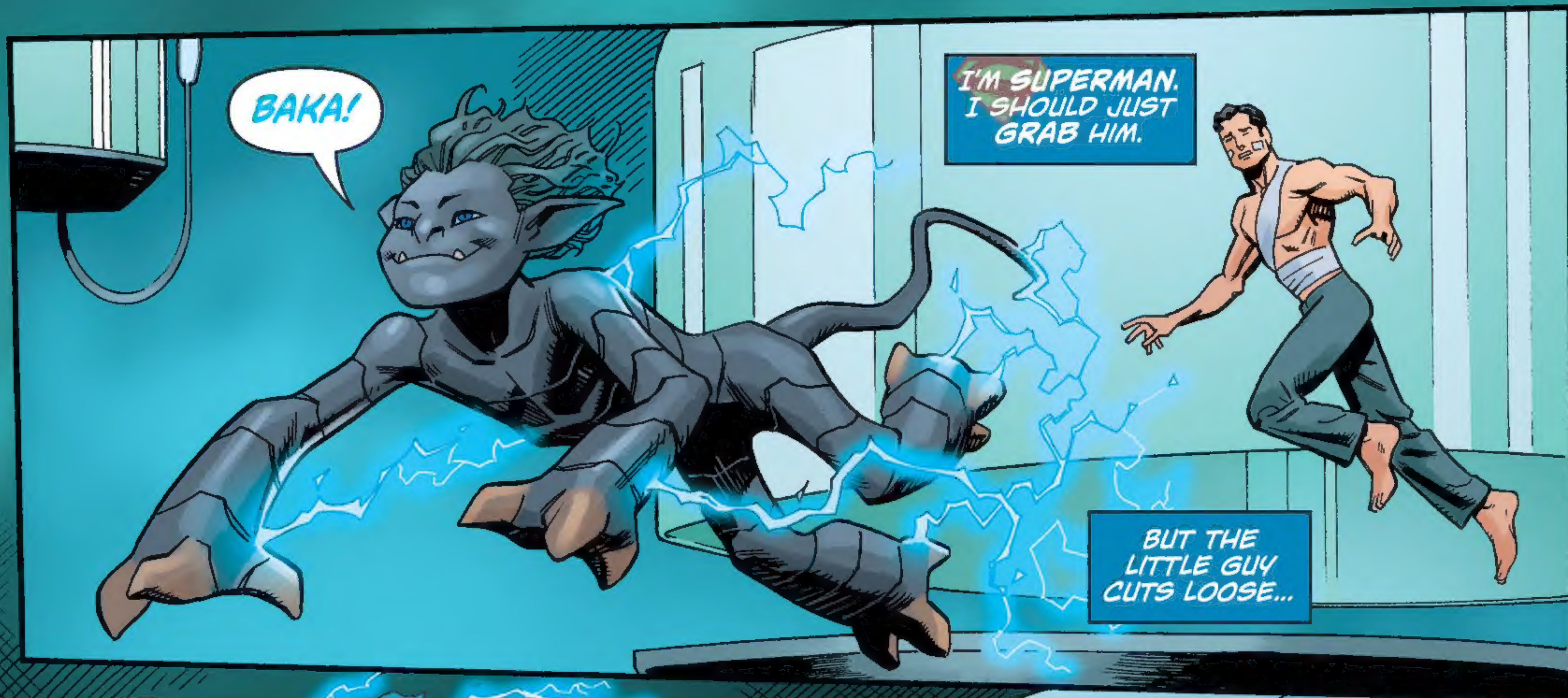
KKRRRAAAK



CLICK

AW,  
MAN.





I'M SUPERMAN.  
I SHOULD JUST  
GRAB HIM.

BUT THE  
LITTLE GUY  
CUTS LOOSE...



...AND I KIND  
OF WANT TO  
SEE HIM FLY.

BAKA?

BAKA!  
BAAAKAA!

HA.



WHOA.



IF BRUCE COULD SEE  
ME NOW, I'D NEVER  
HEAR THE END OF IT.

TAKING  
RIDICULOUS  
RISKS.

LETTING  
SENTIMENT  
GET IN THE WAY  
OF REASON.

ANTHROPOMORPHIZING.



BUT HEY...



...WHERE WOULD I BE  
IF NO ONE HAD EVER  
ANTHROPOMORPHIZED ME?

BAKA'S LITTLE  
HEART SLOWS DOWN.

AND THEN SPEEDS  
UP AGAIN.

THE FRAMES ARE  
JUST A DIGITAL  
SLIDE SHOW.

HNNNN...

DRAWN TO THE  
LIGHT? THE  
MOVEMENT?

SMALLVILLE

NO.

THE  
FACES.

BA.  
KA.

THIS IS HOW  
IT STARTS.

HNN?

THIS IS HOW  
WE MAKE  
OURSELVES  
HUMAN.

THAT'S  
MY FRIEND  
LANA.

SHE WAS  
WORKING ON THE  
DRILLING RIG YOU  
DESTROYED.

YOU NEARLY  
ATE HER,  
REMEMBER?

WHINE

HE GIVES ME A  
HANDOG EXPRESSION  
AND I ALMOST THINK HE  
UNDERSTANDS--

RRRING  
RRRING







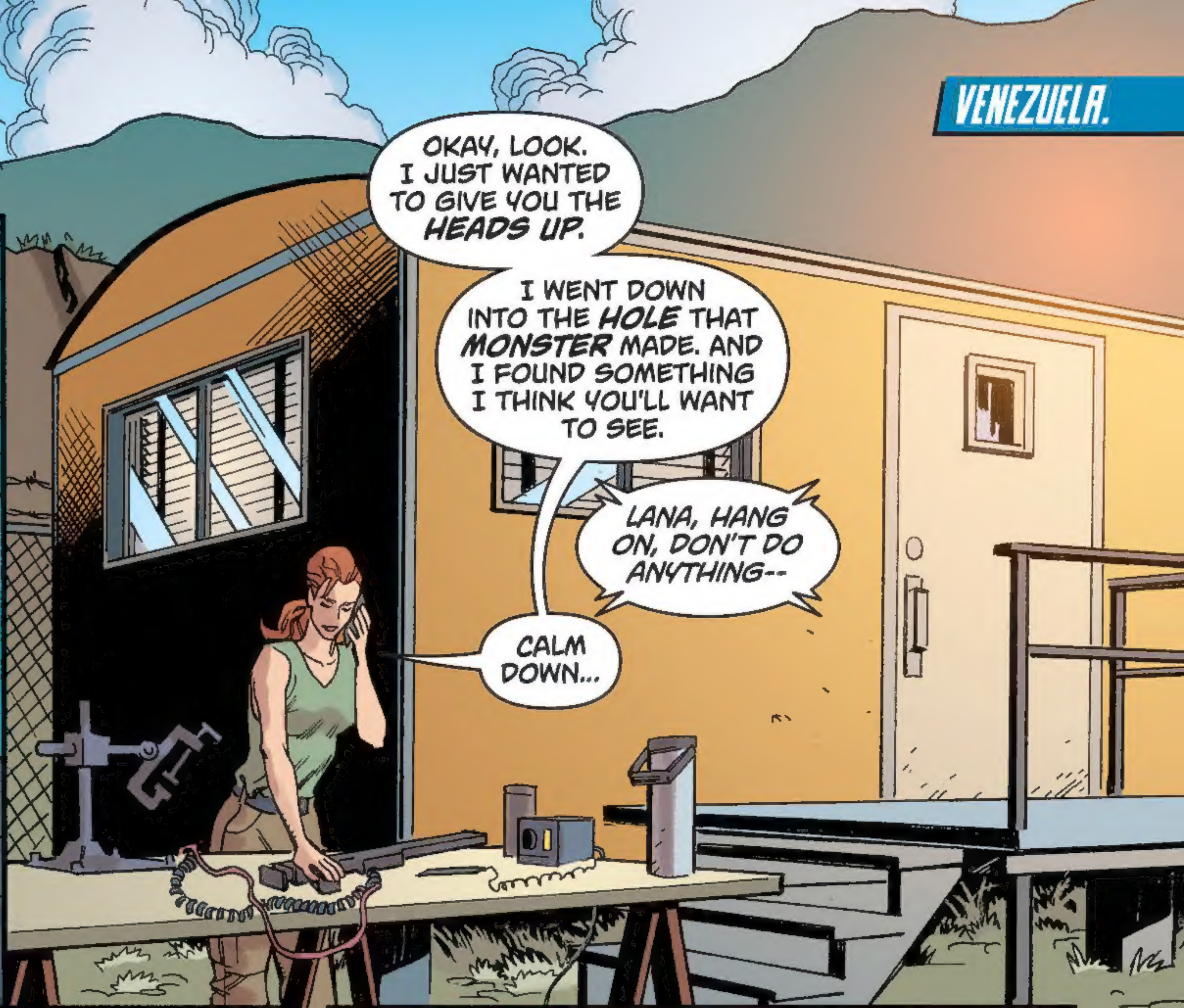
CLARK, HEY. IT'S LANA.

HEY. SPEAK OF THE--

BAKA!

WHAT?

WHAT? NOTHING. SORRY.



OKAY, LOOK. I JUST WANTED TO GIVE YOU THE HEADS UP.

I WENT DOWN INTO THE HOLE THAT MONSTER MADE. AND I FOUND SOMETHING I THINK YOU'LL WANT TO SEE.

LANA, HANG ON, DON'T DO ANYTHING--

CALM DOWN...



...I TOOK SOME READINGS OFF THE MONSTER'S ENERGY. AND I'VE RIGGED UP A LITTLE POPGUN THAT RUNS ON A SIMILAR FREQUENCY.

THAT SOUNDS... DANGEROUS. WHAT ARE YOU--

CHECK YOUR E-MAIL.

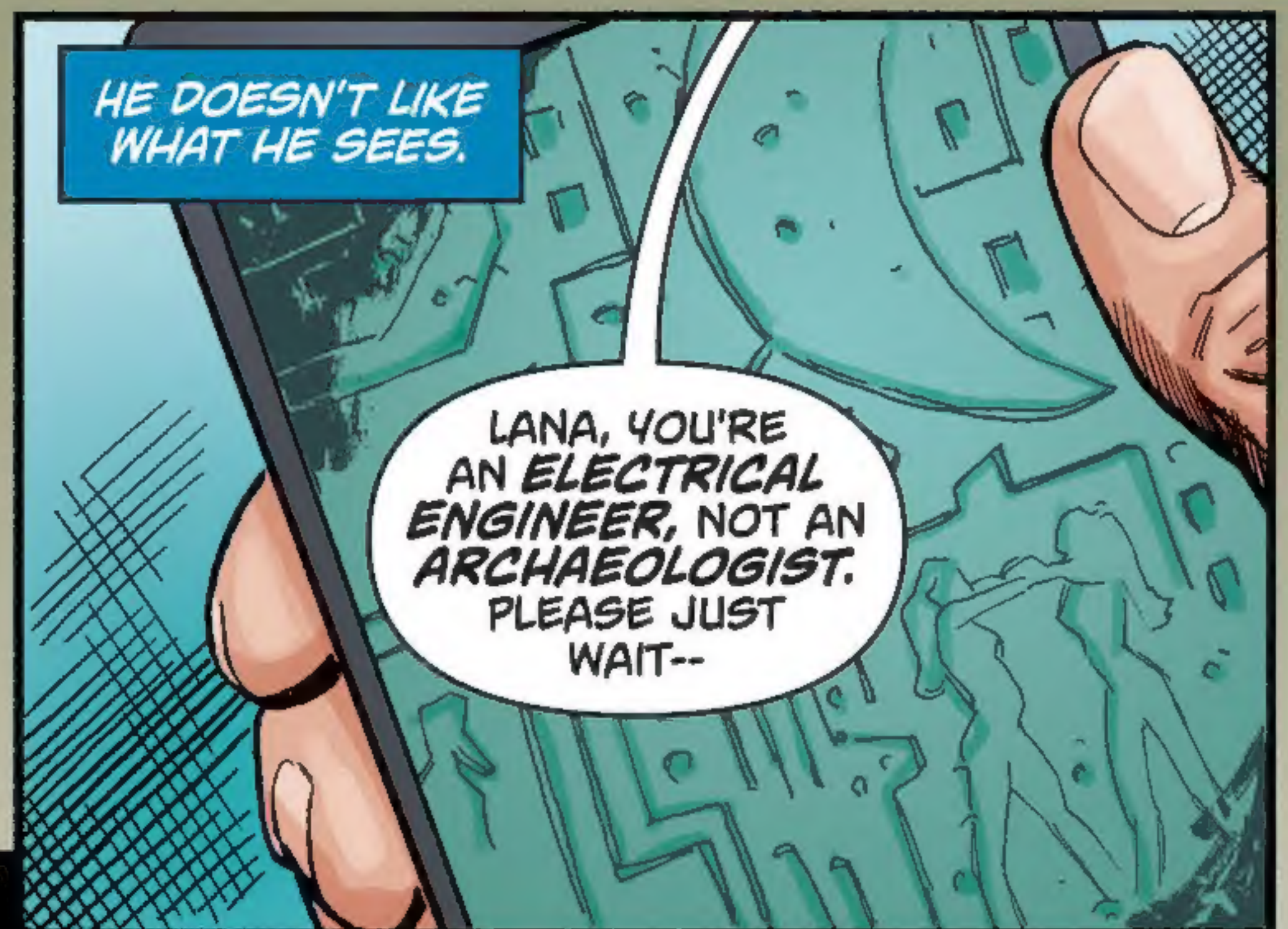
I TOOK SOME PICTURES WHEN I WAS DOWN THERE.



THIS IS BIG, CLARK.

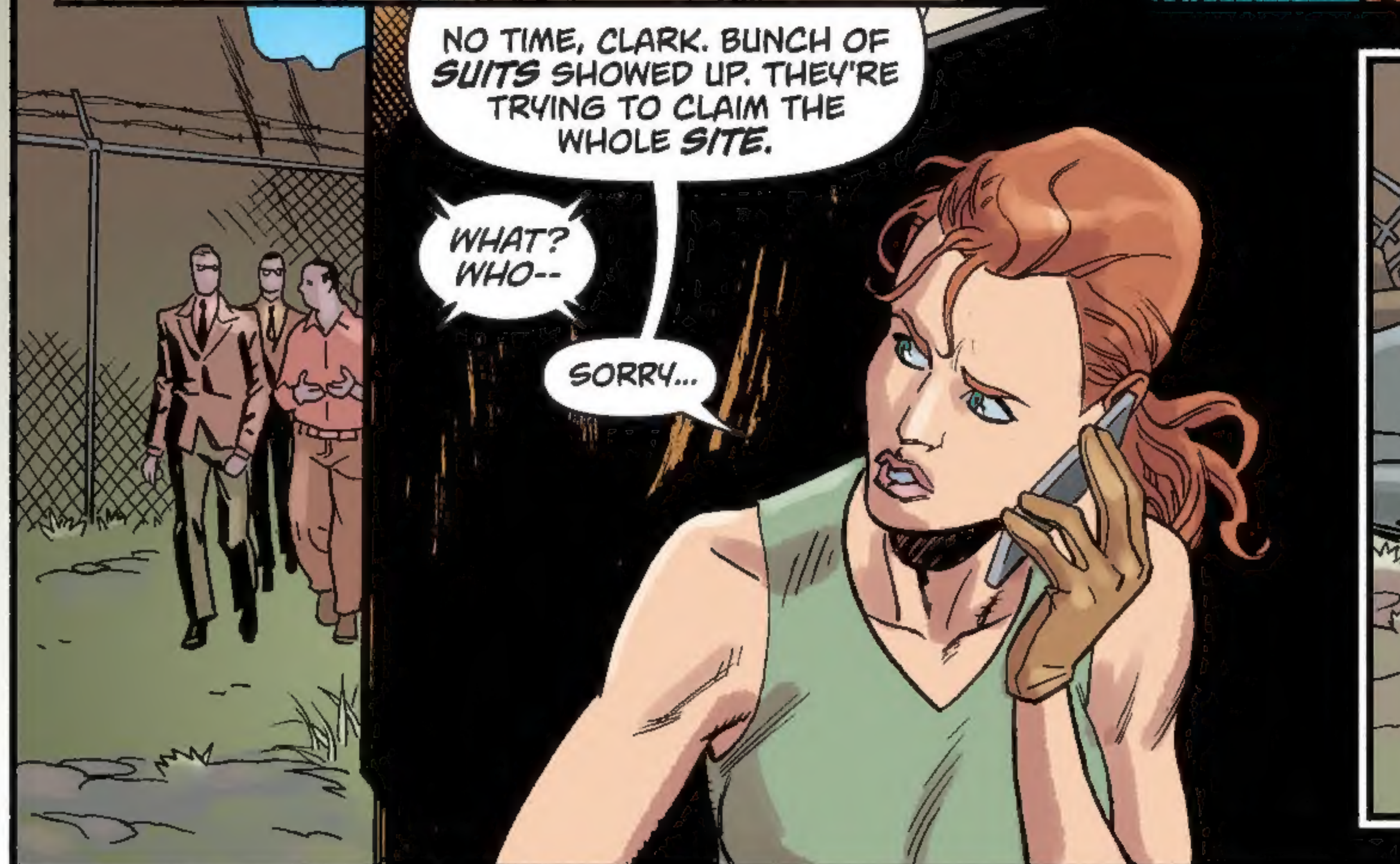
RRRRR...

BAKA'S MUSCLES CLENCH. I HEAR HIS BONES GRINDING. HE'S GROWING, JUST A BIT.



HE DOESN'T LIKE WHAT HE SEES.

LANA, YOU'RE AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER, NOT AN ARCHAEOLOGIST. PLEASE JUST WAIT--



NO TIME, CLARK. BUNCH OF SUITS SHOWED UP. THEY'RE TRYING TO CLAIM THE WHOLE SITE.

WHAT? WHO--

SORRY...



...GOTTA GO.





CAN'T SAY I  
LOVE THAT  
TONE.

"YOU'RE JUST  
AN ELECTRICAL  
ENGINEER"?

THAT'S RIGHT,  
CLARK. AND THAT'S  
EXACTLY WHY I  
CAN'T WAIT.

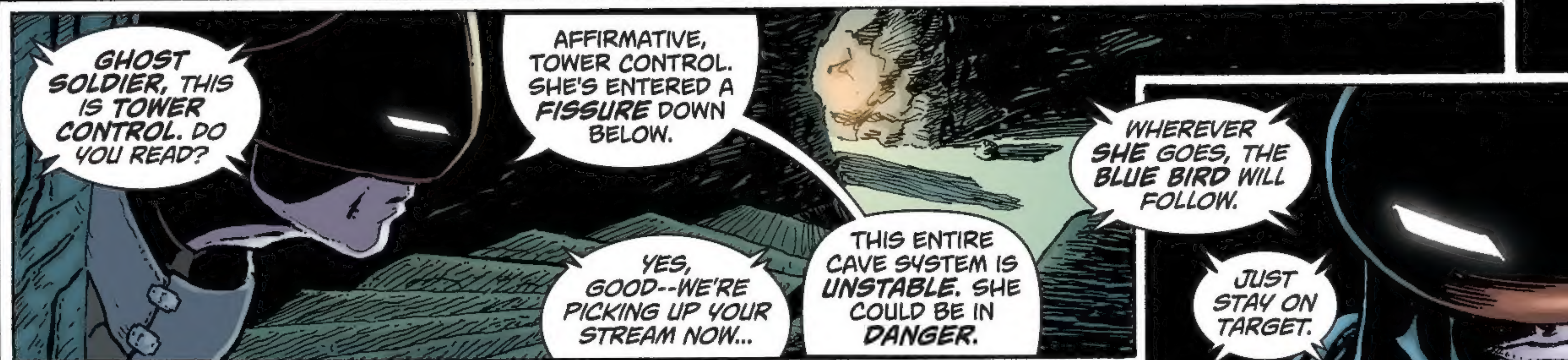


I WANTED TO  
FIND SOMETHING  
DOWN HERE FOR  
YOU, CLARK.

AND BOY,  
DID I.

BUT IF MY READINGS  
ARE CORRECT, THERE'S  
SOMETHING ELSE UP  
AHEAD. AND IF I CAN  
REACH IT BEFORE  
THOSE SUITS DO...

...IT'LL  
BELONG TO  
ALL OF US.



GHOST  
SOLDIER, THIS  
IS TOWER  
CONTROL. DO  
YOU READ?

AFFIRMATIVE,  
TOWER CONTROL.  
SHE'S ENTERED A  
FISSURE DOWN  
BELOW.

YES,  
GOOD--WE'RE  
PICKING UP YOUR  
STREAM NOW...

THIS ENTIRE  
CAVE SYSTEM IS  
UNSTABLE. SHE  
COULD BE IN  
DANGER.

WHEREVER  
SHE GOES, THE  
BLUE BIRD WILL  
FOLLOW.

JUST  
STAY ON  
TARGET.

AFFIRMATIVE.



THE ROCKS ARE  
TREMBLING.

THIS CREVASSE  
JUST OPENED.

GOT A BAD  
FEELING IT COULD  
CLOSE UP AGAIN  
JUST AS EASILY.

I SHOULD  
GO BACK.

KKRRRAAKKK

I...REALLY SHOULD  
GO BACK.



BUT THEN  
I SEE THE  
LIGHT...



...AND EVERYTHING  
CHANGES FOREVER.

HOLY  
COW.

THE ADRENALINE  
KICKS IN. MY  
HEART'S BOOMING.  
MY SKIN'S GONE  
COLD.

I CAN BARELY WORK THE  
KNOBS ON MY EQUIPMENT.

I CAN ONLY REMEMBER  
ONE OTHER TIME IN MY LIFE  
WHEN I FELT LIKE THIS...

...THE WHOLE  
WORLD TILTING  
ON ITS AXIS.

THAT ORB...

...JUST FLOATING  
IN THE AIR...

...BREAKING ALL THE  
LAWS OF PHYSICS AS  
IT CHURNS OUT THAT  
INCREDIBLE POWER...

I CAME HERE  
TO HELP A  
NONPROFIT  
DRILL FOR  
GEOTHERMAL  
ENERGY...

...AND HELP A  
FEW HUNDRED  
THOUSAND  
PEOPLE ACHIEVE  
INDEPENDENCE  
AND  
PROSPERITY.

BUT NOW  
THE WHOLE  
WORLD--

KLANK  
KLANK

KLANK--

--IS  
PROBABLY  
GONNA  
HAVE TO  
WAIT A FEW  
MINUTES...



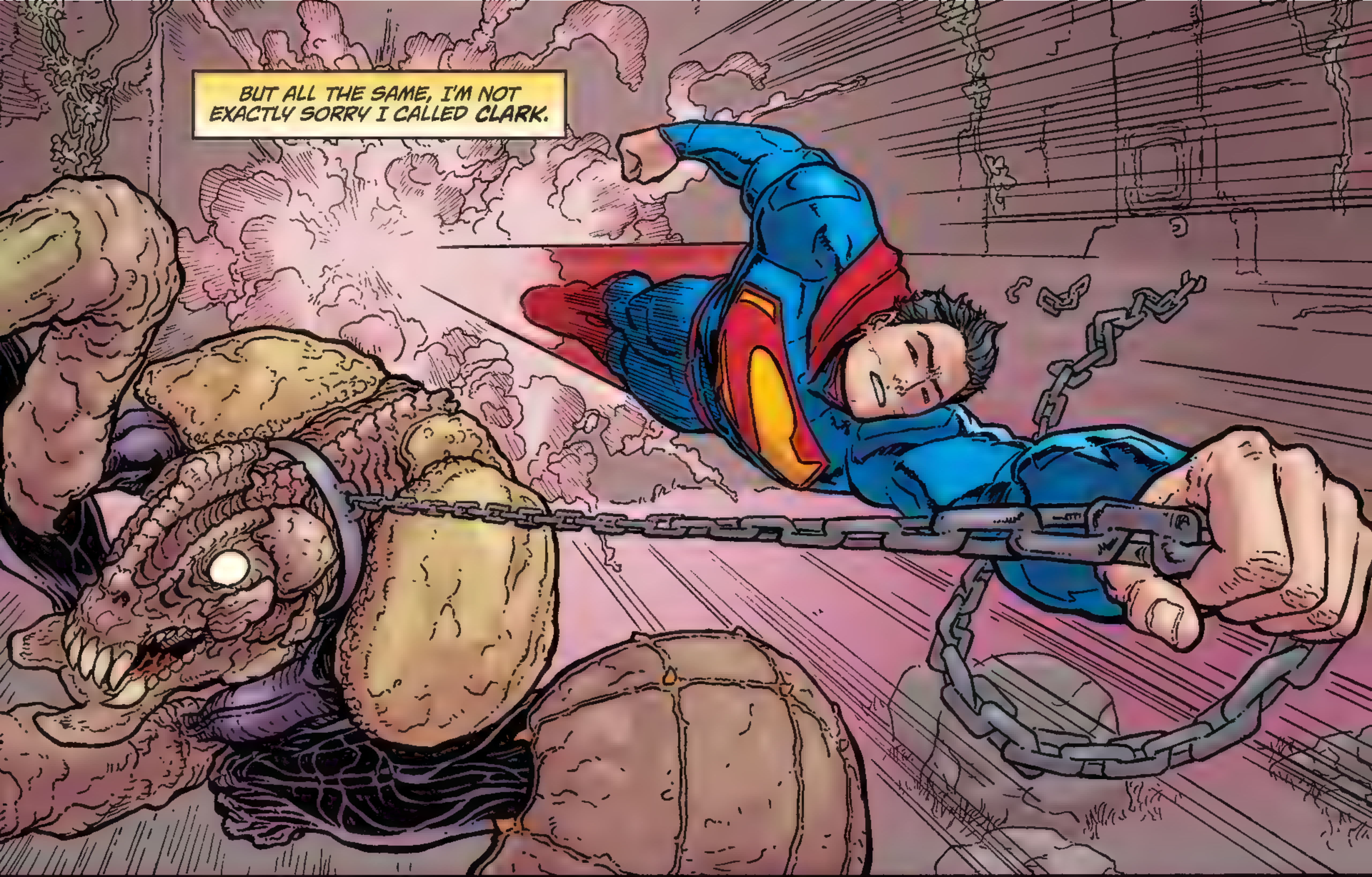
КАК РАК  
КАК КАКА!

GIANT  
MONSTERS?

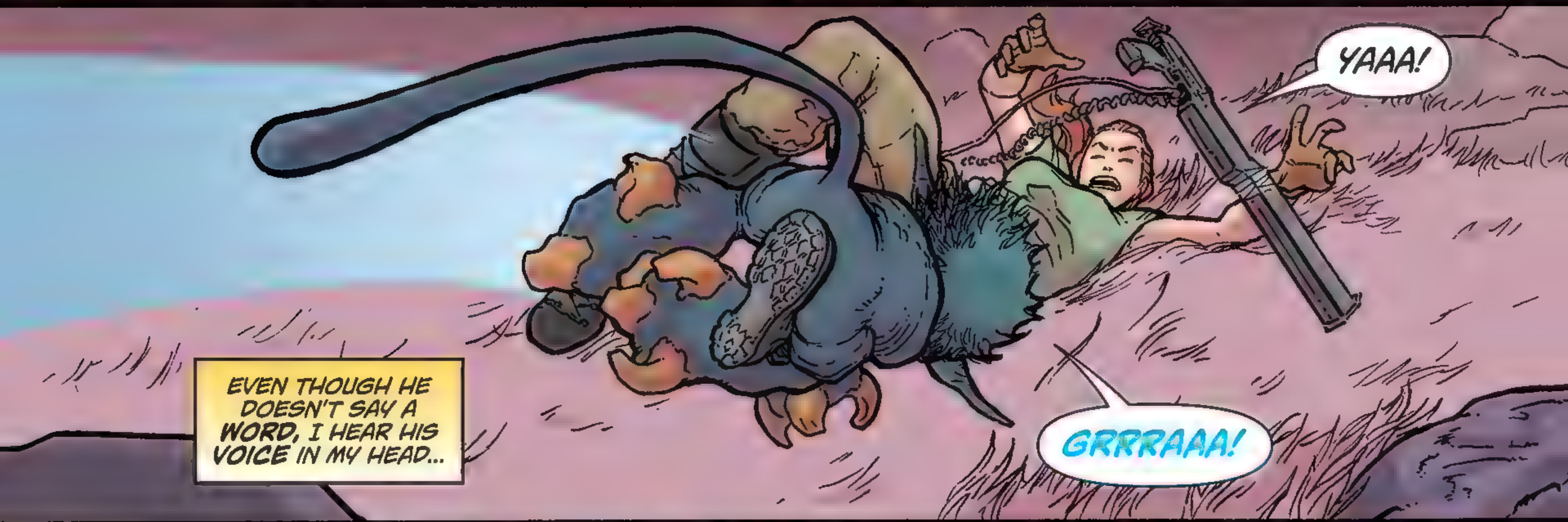
DAMN...

THIS IS WHAT  
I PREPARED  
FOR, RIGHT?





BUT ALL THE SAME, I'M NOT EXACTLY SORRY I CALLED CLARK.



YAAA!

GRRRAAA!

EVEN THOUGH HE DOESN'T SAY A WORD, I HEAR HIS VOICE IN MY HEAD...



"JUST AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER."

RAARRG?



RRRRRAAAAGH!

COME ON THEN!

AND EVEN AS THE RATIONAL PART OF MY BRAIN QUIETLY NOTES I MIGHT BE ABOUT TO DIE...

...THE REGULAR OLD LANA PART OF ME JUST HOPES CLARK'S WATCHING.



BAAAAKAAA!

'CAUSE THIS IS PRETTY COOL.





JUST DIDN'T REALLY EXPECT THE MONSTER TO THINK SO, TOO...

HA HA  
HA HA HA  
HA HA!

CAREFUL,  
LANA! HE'S A  
FRIEND!

BAKA!

BAKA?

WAIT A  
MINUTE--THE  
MONSTER YOU  
KILLED SAID  
BAKA!

YEAH,  
ACTUALLY...

BAKA  
BAKA  
BAKA!



...I DIDN'T  
EXACTLY KILL  
HIM...

WHAT?

THERE'S  
A TONE IN  
HER VOICE

I'VE HEARD IT  
BEFORE, FROM  
ALMOST EVERYONE  
I KNOW, TO BE  
HONEST.

I UNDERSTAND IT.

BUT I DON'T  
LIKE IT.



BAKA JUMPS  
RIGHT INTO  
THE FIGHT.

FIGHTING  
FOR HER.

BUT SHE JUST  
GIVES HIM THAT  
SIDELONG  
GLANCE...



THE LOOK  
YOU GIVE A  
MONSTER.

BAAA  
KAAAAA!

SKRRRAAAAKK

IT'S--IT'S  
TRANSFORMING!

DAMMIT,  
THIS IS THE  
MONSTER FROM  
YESTERDAY,  
ISN'T IT?

YOU WERE  
SUPPOSED TO  
THROW IT INTO  
THE SUN!

YOU HAVE ANY IDEA  
HOW **HARD** IT IS TO  
ACTUALLY THROW  
SOMETHING INTO  
THE SUN?

I CAN'T  
BELIEVE YOU,  
CLARK!

LANA, I'M  
IN THE **SUIT**.  
PLEASE DON'T  
CALL ME--

WHATEVER!

HE'S  
CRAZY!

HE'S  
**HELPING**  
US! AND WE'RE  
GOING TO FIND  
HIS **PEOPLE**,  
WHEREVER  
THEY ARE!

OH, GREAT!  
AND WHAT IF  
THEY'RE LIKE  
**HIM**?

OH, NO.

THEY  
**WORSE**.

DID HE  
JUST--?

YEEEAH...

DO NOT  
LISTEN TO THE  
LITTLE **BEAST**,  
PEOPLE OF  
THE SUN...

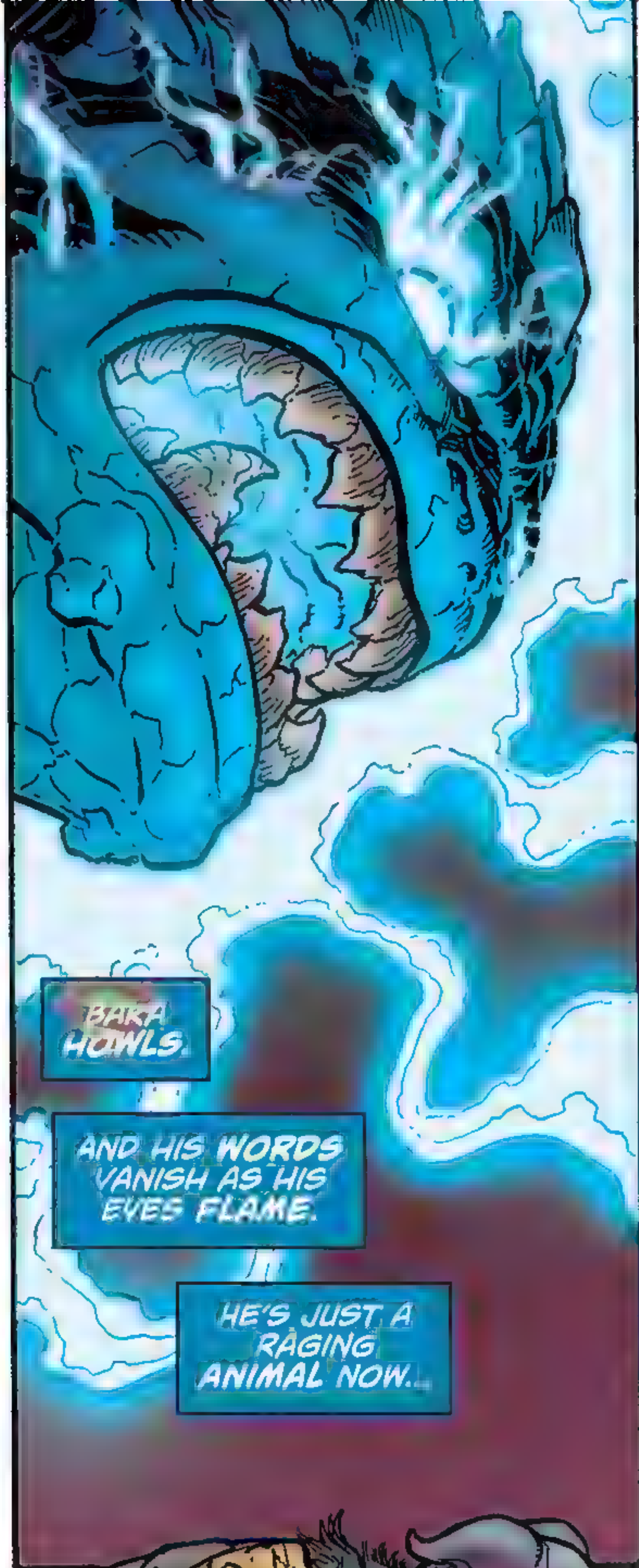




...WE'RE  
NOT SO  
BAD.

AAAAARRGGH!!

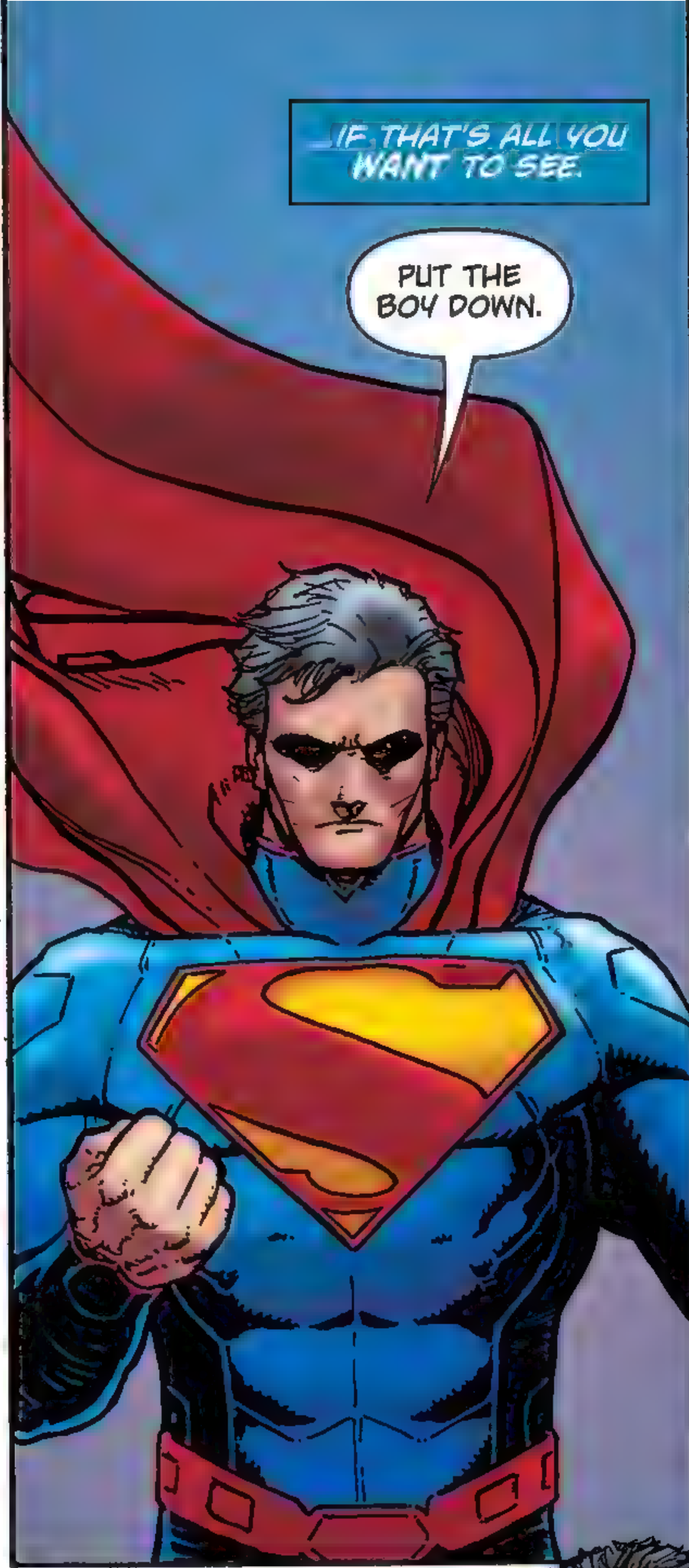




BAKA  
HOWLS.

AND HIS WORDS  
VANISH AS HIS  
EYES FLAME.

HE'S JUST A  
RAGING  
ANIMAL NOW...



IF THAT'S ALL YOU  
WANT TO SEE.

PUT THE  
BOY DOWN.



"BOY"?

HA.

YAHHH!



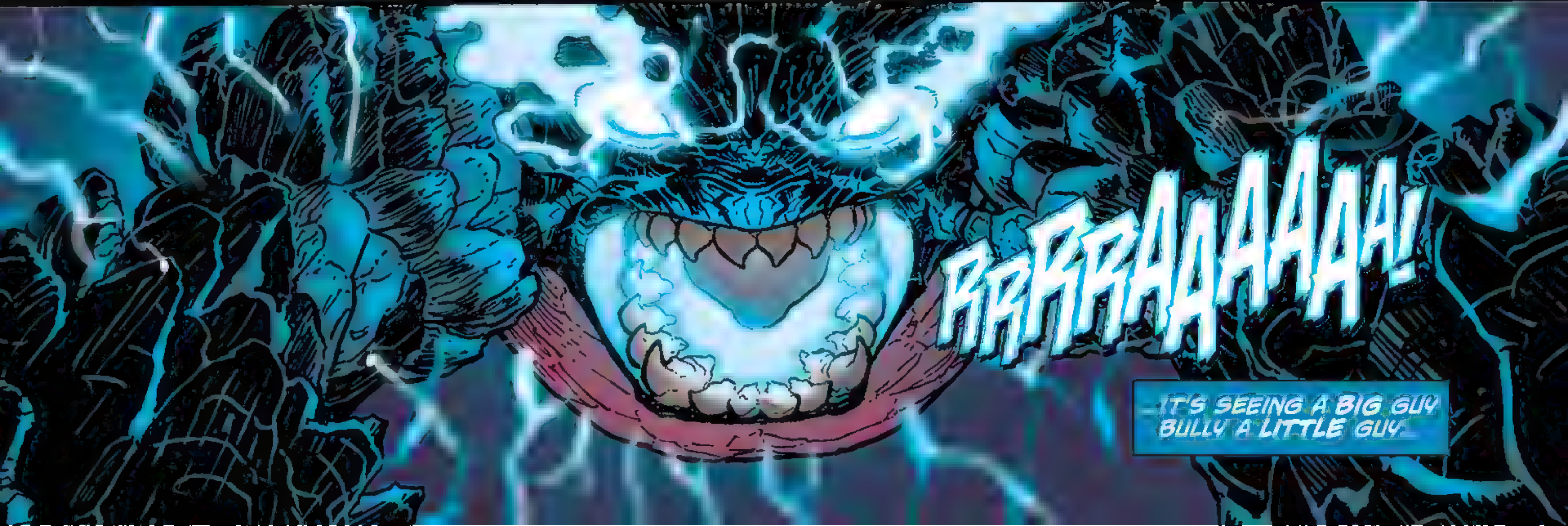
I TAKE AN X-RAY  
PEEK AT THE NEW  
GUY'S MUSCLES  
AND BONES.

SUPERHUMANLY DENSE. I  
PROBABLY CAN'T TAKE HIM  
DOWN WITH JUST A PUNCH.

FINE WITH ME.

KIND OF FEEL  
LIKE A WORKOUT.

BECAUSE IF THERE'S  
ANYTHING I HATE



RAAAAAA!

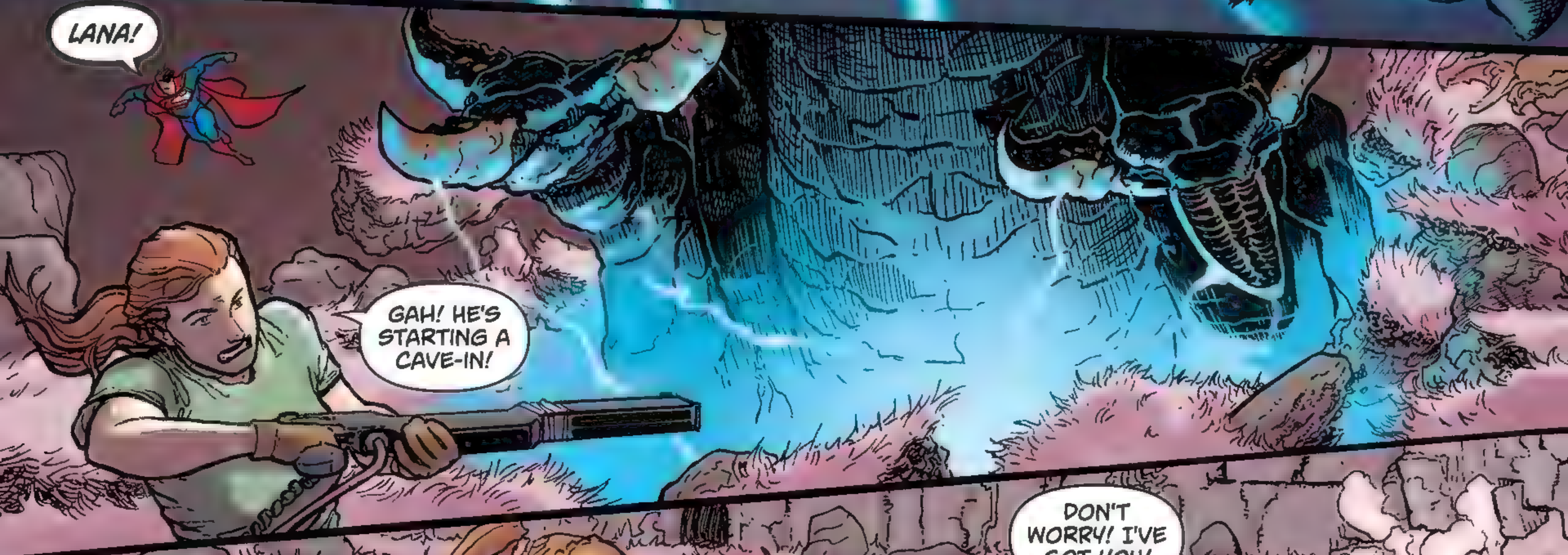
IT'S SEEING A BIG GUY  
BULLY A LITTLE GUY.



WHICH SUDDENLY  
BECOMES A MOOT POINT

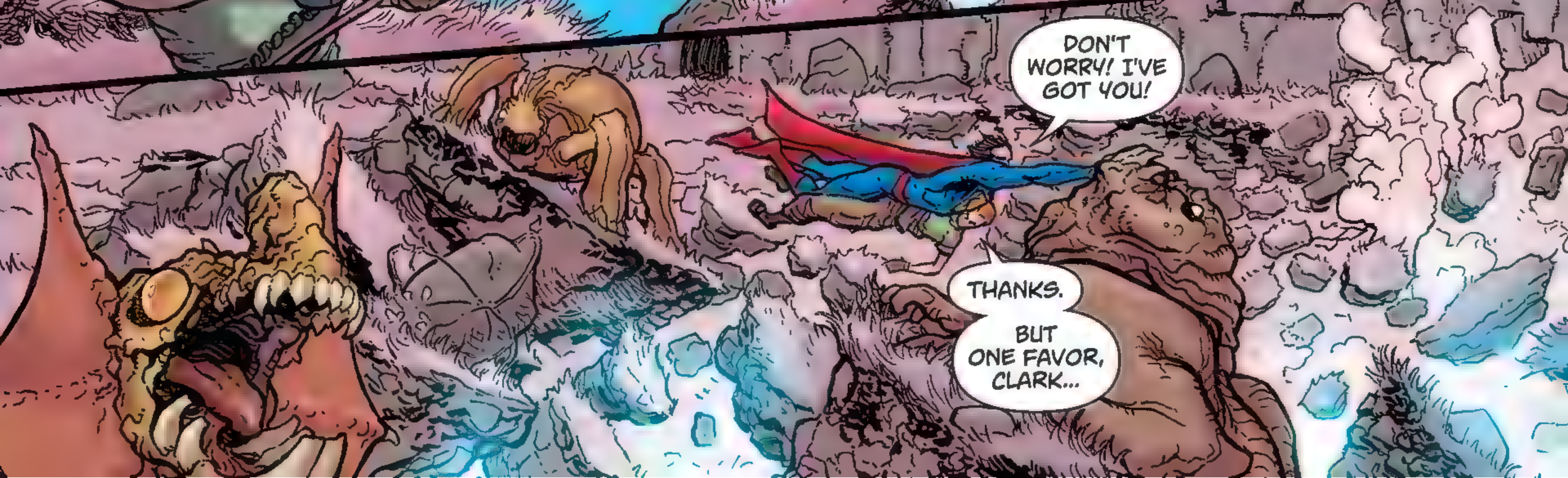


LANA!



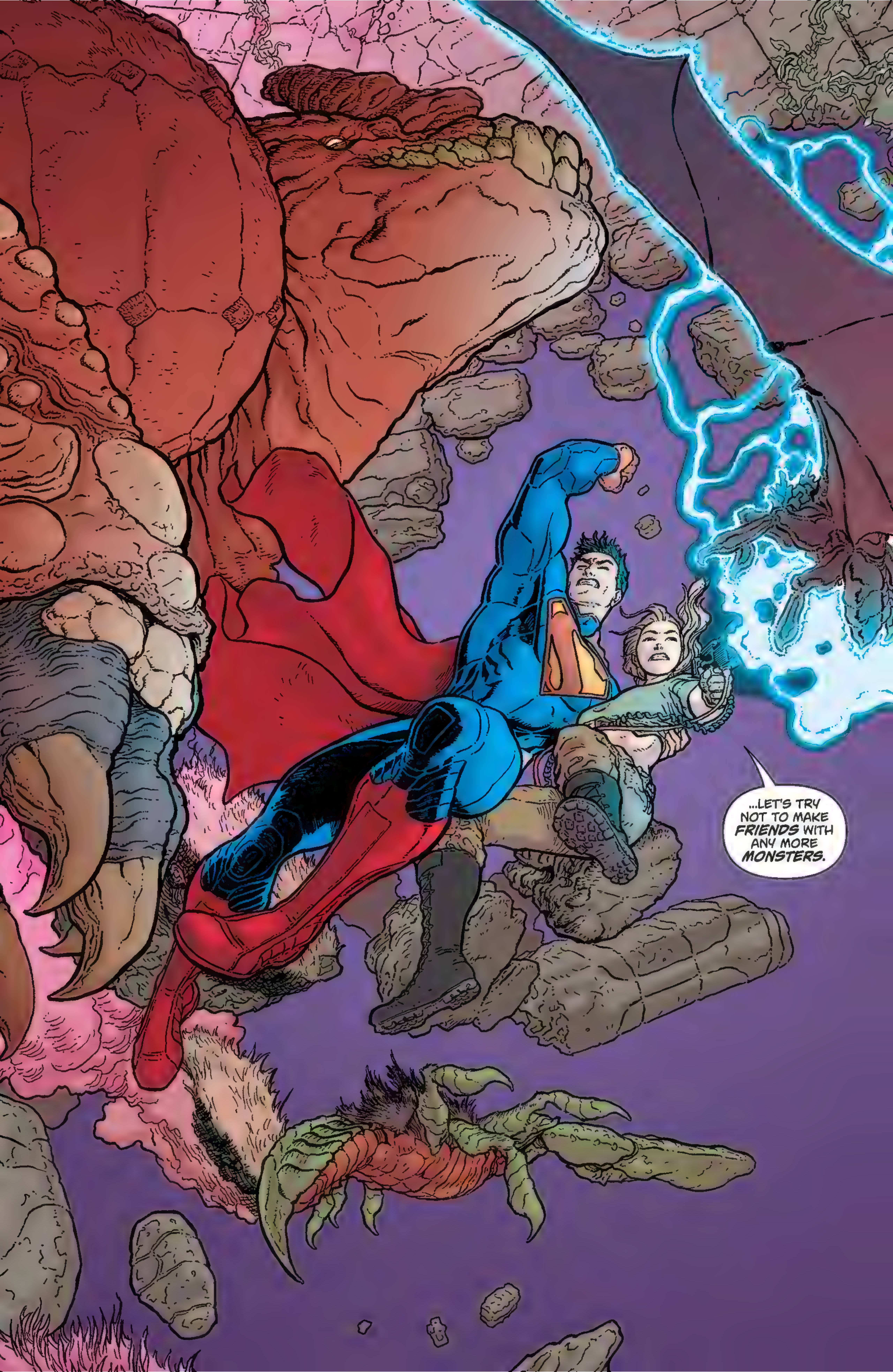
GAH! HE'S  
STARTING A  
CAVE-IN!

DON'T  
WORRY! I'VE  
GOT YOU!



THANKS.  
BUT  
ONE FAVOR,  
CLARK...





...LET'S TRY  
NOT TO MAKE  
FRIENDS WITH  
ANY MORE  
MONSTERS.



**ВДАДАККАА!**

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HEY.

**DROP  
THE  
CHAIN.**

YOU  
DON'T KNOW  
ANYTHING, MAN  
OF THE  
SUN. I

I KNOW YOU'VE  
CREATED SOME  
KIND OF **ARMY OF  
MONSTERS** TO  
ATTACK OUR  
WORLD.

AND  
I KNOW  
THAT **BAKA**  
DOESN'T WANT  
**ANYTHING** TO  
DO WITH IT.

ALL  
THAT **LIGHT**  
UP TOP MUST  
MAKE YOU  
**BLIND.**

YOU THINK  
I'M YOUR  
ENEMY?

MY  
MONSTERS  
PROTECT  
YOUR STUPID  
WORLD...



...FROM THE HIDDEN  
CURSES, GLORIES,  
AND TEMPTATIONS OF  
**IMPERIAL  
SUBTERRANEA!**

OH,  
BOY.

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**SUPERMAN**  
IN

**UNDERWORLD**

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EPILOGUE

«IS IT TRUE?»\*

«YES, MY LIEGE. THEY'VE VANQUISHED UKUR'S **BEASTS** AND BROKEN THE **SEAL.**»

\* TRANSLATED FROM ANCIENT LANGUAGE.

«WE... WE ARE **FREE.**»

«WELL, THEN...»



«...LET THESE GLORIOUS **PEOPLE OF THE SUN** PAY HOMAGE TO THEIR GRATEFUL **QUEEN.**»

**NEXT IN ACTION--  
RISE OF THE  
SUBTERRANEANS!**





**HERO  
FIGHT!**

BREAKING NEWS  
FROM **CHANNEL 52**--WE ARE  
GETTING REPORTS THAT **BATMAN**  
AND **SUPERMAN** ARE SQUARING  
OFF IN A BATTLE OF  
EPIC PROPORTIONS!

WHAT COULD HAVE  
CAUSED THESE FELLOW  
MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE  
TO TURN ON EACH OTHER? WE  
HAVE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT  
AN ALIEN TYRANT NAMED "MONGUL"  
MAY BE INVOLVED!

CHECK BACK FOR  
AN UPDATE ON "WHEN HEROES  
ATTACK...EACH OTHER!" ONLY  
ON **CHANNEL**

**52**





NATHAN